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SUMMARY: SWEDEN SUPPORTED US INITIATIVE ON MILITARY  
EXPENDITURES, EXPRESSED CONCERN REGARDING TACTICAL

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS, COMMENTED ON NWFZ STUDY, FORMALLY

PROPOSED MEETING NEXT SPRING OF EXPERTS ON CTB,  
REVIEWED RESULTS OF INFORMAL PNE MEETINGS, PROVIDED VIEWS  
ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINTS AND CRITICIZED LACK  
OF PROGRESS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS. NETHERLANDS SUPPORTED  
US INITIATIVE ON MILITARY EXPENDITURES AND SUGGESTED  
AGREED MORATORIUM ON ALL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. SOVIET  
UNION PRESENTED VIEWS ON NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES.  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA MADE ROUTINE GENERAL STATEMENT.  
END SUMMARY.

1. THORSSON (SWEDEN) HELD THAT DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOY-  
MENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR TACTICAL AND REGIONAL USE  
WAS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO SMALLER COUNTRIES AND  
THAT DISQUIETING TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS INCREASED  
TEMPTATION TO USE SUCH WEAPONS. NOTING DECLARATIONS  
ABOUT READINESS TO USE TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN  
SUPPORT OF, OR RESPONSE TO, CONVENTIONAL WARFARE, SHE  
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR RECENT REMARKS BY ACDA  
DIRECTOR IKLE THAT THRESHOLD BETWEEN NUCLEAR AND  
CONVENTIONAL WAR MUST BE PRESERVED. SHE CALLED FOR  
TANGIBLE STEPS TOWARD NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AT REGIONAL  
AND TACTICAL LEVEL.

2. TURNING TO NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE STUDY,  
THORSSON DEPLORED FACT THAT GROUP WAS UNABLE TO REACH  
CONSENSUS ON NEED FOR COMMITMENT BY NUCLEAR WEAPON  
STATES NOT TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST ZONE PARTIES.  
WHILE TAKING POSITIVE VIEW OF STUDY GENERALLY, SHE  
SAID IT HAD FAILED TO TREAT IN DEPTH CERTAIN ISSUES OF  
PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO EUROPEAN SITUATION, INCLUDING  
CREATION OF SAFETY AREAS ADJACENT TO ZONE, PROCEDURES  
FOR WITHDRAWAL OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM  
SAFETY AREAS, VERIFICATION OF PROVISIONS ON TRANSIT  
AND ON MILITARY BASES, AND OPTION THAT PART OF A  
COUNTRY COULD BE INCLUDED IN ZONE.

3. THORSSON PROPOSED FORMALLY THAT CCD CONVENE MEETING  
OF EXPERTS IN MARCH 1976 ON REMAINING PROBLEMS BLOCKING  
COMPREHENSIVE BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS. ON PNE'S,  
SWEDEN BELIEVES THAT ACQUISITION OF CAPABILITY TO  
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MAKE ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES, TOGETHER WITH FIRST  
SUCCESSFUL TEST, CONSTITUTES ACQUISITION OF CAPABILITY  
TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AT SHORT NOTICE. COUNTRIES  
DESIRING TO GAIN ECONOMIC BENEFIT FROM NUCLEAR EXPLO-  
SIVES SHOULD THEREFORE DO SO IN ACCORDANCE WITH NPT  
ARTICLE V.

4. ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS, THORSSON REFERRED TO US

STATEMENT ON APRIL 10 AND COMMENTED THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO CONSIDER RESTRAINTS IN REGIONAL CONTEXT, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY MBFR AND AYACUCHO DECLARATION. SHE WAS GENERALLY NEGATIVE ON ILLUSTRATIVE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN US STATEMENT OF APRIL 10. SHE ASSERTED THAT, IMPORTANT AS CONVENTIONAL ARMS PROBLEM MAY BE, CCD SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON HIGHER PRIORITY PROBLEMS ALREADY ENTRUSTED TO IT.

5. THORSSON SUPPORTED US PROPOSAL OF JULY 24 REGARDING MILITARY EXPENDITURES. SHE AGREED THAT ADDITIONAL STUDIES ARE NEEDED TO RESOLVE CONCEPTUAL AND TECHNICAL PROBLEMS. SHE FOUND US APPROACH USEFUL AND SUBJECTS PROPOSED BY US GENERALLY RELEVANT TO ISSUE. SHE FELT STUDY BY EXPERTS' GROUP OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES ISSUES WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO INFORMAL MEETINGS IN CCD.

6. THORSSON CALLED SITUATION ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS MOST UNSATISFACTORY. SHE ALSO THOUGHT A BROADER DISARMAMENT EFFORT WAS NEEDED AND REFERRED FAVORABLY TO BOTH A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE AND A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA.

7. MEERBURG (NETHERLANDS) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT FULLY ENDORSED US PROPOSAL ON MILITARY EXPENDITURES. MUTUALLY AGREED REDUCTIONS CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS LONG AS WE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO COMPARE MILITARY BUDGETS, HOW REDUCTIONS WOULD AFFECT STRENGTH OF MILITARY FORCES, AND HOW MONETARY CHANGES AFFECT BUDGET COMPARISONS. CONSIDERING THE TECHNICAL CHARACTER OF MILITARY BUDGETS QUESTION, WORK ON THE SUBJECT SHOULD BE ORGANIZED DIFFERENTLY FROM NWFZ STUDY. NETHERLANDS PREFERS SMALL EXPERTS' GROUP WITHIN CCD CONTEXT, WITH EXPERTS NOT NECESSARILY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND SELECTED ON BASIS OF COUNTRIES' EXPERTISE WITHOUT NECESSARILY SEEKING BALANCE AMONG POLITICAL GROUPS.

8. MEERBURG SAID HIS GOVERNMENT CONCLUDED FROM INFORMAL MEETINGS ON PNE'S THAT IT WAS TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO DEVELOP PEACEFUL NUCLEAR DEVICES WITHOUT AT THE SAME TIME ACQUIRING NUCLEAR WEAPON CAPABILITY. IT WOULD WASTE SCARCE RESOURCES IF NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES EMBARK UPON PROGRAMS WHOSE OUTCOME IS AT BEST MARGINAL FOR THEIR ECONOMIES. THEREFORE, IF PNE'S ARE THOUGHT WORTHWHILE, THEY SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY PRESENT NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES ONLY.

9. COMMENTING ON IMPLICATIONS OF PNE'S FOR EXISTING

NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES, MEERBURG SAID THAT VERIFICATION PROCEDURES COULD DIMINISH POSSIBILITIES FOR MISUSING PNE'S FOR WEAPONS PURPOSES BUT HE HAD IMPRESSION THAT FOOLPROOF SYSTEM COULD NOT BE DEVELOPED IN CONTEXT OF CTB. RECALLING THAT MANY DELEGATIONS AT NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE HAD SUGGESTED ADEQUATELY VERIFIED AGREEMENT TO HALT NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS FOR A SPECIFIED TIME, HE SUGGESTED THAT SUCH A TEMPORARY AGREEMENT BE APPLIED TO ALL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS, INCLUDING PNE'S. THERE WOULD THEN BE NO NEED TO DEVELOP VERIFICATION SYSTEM TO PREVENT MISUSE OF PNE'S AND OBSTACLES TO CTB WOULD BE REMOVED. IF COMPELLING REASONS WERE LATER DISCOVERED FOR PNE'S, THE SITUATION COULD BE REVIEWED AND ADEQUATE PROCEDURES DEVELOPED.

10. ROSHCIN (USSR) ARGUED THAT NWFZ'S MUST PROHIBIT TRANSIT AND PORT CALLS OF VESSELS WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON BOARD AS WELL AS INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT OF ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. NWFZ'S ALSO SHOULD HAVE BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW. IN PARTICULAR ZONE PROHIBITIONS SHOULD NOT BE EXTENDED TO TERRITORIES OF STATES OUTSIDE ZONE OR TO HIGH SEAS. ROSHCIN FAVORED NON-USE COMMITMENTS BY NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO ZONE PARTIES, BUT HE EMPHASIZED THAT NWS MUST HAVE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS DEALING WITH ANY RESPONSIBILITIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT THEY ARE EXPECTED TO ASSUME, AND THAT NON-USE ASSURANCES WOULD BE WITHDRAWN IN RELATION TO ANY NNWS THAT COMMITTED, OR WAS PARTY TO, AGGRESSION.

1. SOJAK (CZECHOSLOVAKIA) PRAISED RESULTS OF CSCE AND NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE. HE HELD THAT IT HAD NOT PROVED POSSIBLE TO DIFFERENTIATE TECHNICALLY BETWEEN NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES FOR PEACEFUL AND MILITARY PURPOSES AND ALL PNE'S SHOULD THEREFORE BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH NPT.DALE

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